CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. *CANCELLED*

2 to 15. *CANCELLED*

16. *(Currently amended)* A method of screening a substance, comprising:

a) obtaining a composition comprising undifferentiated hES cells proliferating on an extracellular matrix instead of feeder cells, in a medium conditioned by fibroblast feeder cells;

b) differentiating said hES cells;

~~a)~~ c) contacting ~~a population~~ the population of differentiated cells with the substance;

~~b)~~ d) determining any phenotypic or metabolic change in the cell that results from contact with the substance, and

~~c)~~ e) correlating the change with cellular toxicity or modulation ~~+~~

~~wherein the differentiated cells are obtainable by growing human embryonic stem (hES) cells on an extracellular matrix instead of feeder cells, but in a medium conditioned by fibroblast feeder cells, and then causing or permitting the hES cells to differentiate~~.

17 to 36. *CANCELLED*

37. *(Currently amended)* A method of screening a substance, comprising:

a) obtaining ~~a culture of~~ a composition comprising undifferentiated pPS cells proliferating on an extracellular matrix instead of feeder cells, but in a medium conditioned by fibroblast feeder cells;

b) optionally causing or permitting the pPS cells to differentiate; then

c) combining the cells with the substance; and

d) determining any effect of the substance on the cells.

38. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, wherein the extracellular matrix upon which the undifferentiated pPS cells are cultured is Matrigel® basement membrane matrix, laminin, or collagen.

39. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, wherein the cells are undifferentiated when contacted with the substance.

40. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, wherein the cells have been caused or permitted to differentiate before being contacted with the substance.

41. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 40, wherein the cells have been caused to differentiate by a process comprising replating them onto a surface that promotes differentiation.

42. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 40, wherein the cells have been caused to differentiate by adding component(s) to the medium that promote differentiation towards a particular cell lineage.

43. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 40, comprising causing the cells to differentiate into cells having characteristics of neuronal cells, glial cells, or neural precursors.

44. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 40, comprising causing the cells to differentiate into cells having characteristics of hepatocytes.

45. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, wherein the pPS cells are human embryonic stem (hES) cells.

46. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, comprising determining the effect of the substance on growth of the cells.

47. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, comprising determining whether the substance affects differentiation of the cells.

48. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, comprising determining whether the substance affects expression of a marker or receptor by the cells.

49. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, comprising determining whether the substance affects release of a marker or enzyme from the cells.

50. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, comprising determining whether the substance affects DNA synthesis or repair in the cells.

51. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, comprising analyzing the cells by metaphase spread.

52. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 37, comprising determining whether the substance is toxic to the cells.

53. *(Currently amended)* A method of screening a substance for its effect on undifferentiated human embryonic stem (hES) cells, comprising:

a) obtaining ~~a culture of~~ a composition comprising undifferentiated pPS cells proliferating on an extracellular matrix instead of feeder cells, but in a medium conditioned by fibroblast feeder cells;

b) combining the undifferentiated hES cells with the substance; and

c) determining any effect of the substance on the cells.

54. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 53, comprising determining the effect of the substance on growth of the cells.

55. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 53, comprising determining whether the substance affects differentiation of the cells.

56. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 53, comprising determining whether the substance affects expression of a marker or receptor by the cells.

57. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 53, comprising determining whether the substance is toxic to the cells.

58. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 16, comprising causing the cells to differentiate into cells having characteristics of neuronal cells, glial cells, or neural precursors.

59. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 16, comprising causing the cells to differentiate into cells having characteristics of hepatocytes.

60. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 16, comprising determining the effect of the substance on growth of the cells.

61. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 16, comprising determining whether the compound affects expression of a marker or receptor by the cells.

62. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 16, comprising determining whether the compound is toxic to the cells.

63 to 69. *CANCELLED*

Upon allowance of the application, please renumber the claims as follows:

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